

AGENDA

Sister Cities Commission

Thursday, February 26, 2009
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
7:00 PM

- I. Roll Call**
- II. Seating of Alternates**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2009**
- V. Approval of Agenda**
- VI. Announcements/Correspondence**
- VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. New Business

1. ELECTIONS

Background: The Vice Chair election was continued to the February meeting.

Recommendation: Conduct election for the Vice Chair position.

IX. Old Business

2. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioner: Chair Grilli

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Continue discussions regarding a possible student exchange during Spring Break 2009.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Grilli.

3. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioner: Mateo

- Discuss possible plans for 2009.
- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Dagupan runs through June 2009.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioner Mateo.

4. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT ON SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP

Background:

Lead Commissioners: Arbaugh & Tran.

- Commissioner Arbaugh is planning a briefing with former commissioner Dugdale on the status of Tsukuba and will then make contact again with Tsukuba.
- The term of the Memorandum of Understanding between Milpitas and Tsukuba has expired. The commission received proposed terms of student exchanges every five years from Tsukuba.

Recommendation: Receive verbal report from Lead Commissioners Arbaugh and Tran.

5. WESTERN EUROPEAN SISTER CITY RESEARCH STATUS REPORT

Background:

Lead Commissioners: Arefi and Arbaugh.

- Commissioners Arefi and Arbaugh are continuing research on the potential for a western European sister city.
- Receive update from Commissioner Arbaugh on a potential sister city in Germany.

Recommendation: Receive update from Lead Commissioners Arefi and Arbaugh.

X. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

XI. SCHOOL DISTRICT LIAISON REPORT

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister City Relationships/Cultural Exchanges:
 - i. Huizhou City, China
 - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
 - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan – Expiration of agreement
2. Western European Sister City Research

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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